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ROCKFORD MAN SENTENCED TO 174 MONTHS IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR BANK ROBBERY OF U.S. BANK IN FREEPORT

ROCKFORD – PATRICK J. FITZGERALD, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois; ROBERT D. GRANT, Special Agent-In-Charge of the Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; and JERRY WHITMORE, Chief of the Freeport Police Department, today made the following announcement:

United States District Judge Philip G. Reinhard today sentenced **LEON L. TILLMON**, 38 (DOB: 2/17/1967), formerly of 614 Overland Trail, Rockford, Illinois, to 174 months in federal prison without parole for the robbery of U.S. Bank, 1550 West Galena Avenue, Freeport, Illinois, on October 28, 2004. Tillmon was also ordered to serve three years of supervised release following his release from prison, and to pay \$2,080 in restitution to the bank.

On June 20, 2005, Tillmon pleaded guilty and admitted that on the morning of October 28, 2004, he walked into the U.S. Bank. Tillmon told a bank teller that it was a robbery and to give him money. As the teller placed money on the counter, Tillmon told her not to think about pushing the alarm button or that he would kill her. Tillmon also admitted that he told the teller he had a gun and that he implied that he had a gun inside his sweatshirt pocket. Tillmon took the money from the counter and fled from the bank.

Tillmon was arrested by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on November 9, 2004. He has been held in custody since his arrest.

The case was investigated by Rockford Office of the FBI and the Freeport Police Department with the assistance of the Rockford Police Department. The case was prosecuted in federal court by Assistant United States Attorney Joseph C. Pedersen.

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